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RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ENDORSE THE USE OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS MONEY EARMARKED TO SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR BUYING MATERIALS, GOODS, AND SERVICES THAT ARE PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND ENCOURAGING ALL ENTITIES OF SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO USE SAID MONIES TO PURCHASE SUCH MATERIALS, GOODS, AND SERVICES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER JAMES HARVEY, SR.

WHEREAS, The economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment; and

WHEREAS, Those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and

WHEREAS, Congress has approved and President Obama has signed into law a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated state and local governments immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects and other projects that will require manufactured components; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Commission that taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and to restore the economic vitality of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy; and

WHEREAS, Any economic recovery plan spending should - to every extent possible - include a commitment from Shelby County Government to buy materials, goods, and services for projects that are produced in the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the Shelby County Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to endorse the use of federal economic stimulus money earmarked to Shelby County Government for buying materials, goods, and services produced in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Shelby County Board of Commissioners hereby encourages all entities of Shelby County Government to maximize the creation of American jobs by spending federal economic stimulus money on U.S. produced materials, goods and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring the same.

A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____